

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of May 4, 2004. Reconsideration of the rejections of Claims 1-10 and 13-19 is respectfully requested. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the acceptance of the drawings previously filed. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 2, 10, 14 and 17 are amended as noted in the Office Action. By these amendments, the claims are believed allowable over the prior art of record. Allowance of the claims of this application is requested.

The §103 Rejections

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 13-15 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,995,938 to Whaley in view of U.S. Patent 5,102,169 to Mayfield is respectfully requested. Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 6, 16, 18 and 19 over Whaley in view of Mayfield, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,992,888 to North et al. is also respectfully requested. Still further reconsideration of the rejection of Claim 17 as obvious over Whaley in view of Mayfield and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,295,664 to Cutting is also respectfully requested.

By the amendments in this paper, Claims 1, 2, 10, 14 and 17 have been amended. Specifically, as noted in the Office Action at page 8, the claims are amended to reference the completely or fully color coded shading found in the rows of the color coded sheet. As set forth in the Office Action, as none of the cited references provide color shading of the type recited in the independent and dependent claims, these claims should be allowed.

Additionally, although it is indicated in the Office Action that the combination of Whaley and Mayfield with North is proper, reconsideration is requested, as the reminder system provided in North is not a medical reminder system of the type recited in applicant's claims. The combination of references cited does not result in a prior art system which is capable of performing as set forth in applicant's claimed medical reminder system, and the medical reminder system, when taken as a whole, is not believed obvious in view of Whaley, Mayfield and North.

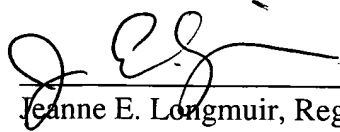
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Claims 1-10 and 13-19 patentably and unobviously distinguish over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. No additional fees are believed due in connection with this amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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